

FARMINGTON CITY – CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

MARCH 3, 2020

WORK SESSION

Present: Mayor Jim Talbot; City Manager Shane Pace; City Councilmembers Brett Anderson, Scott Isaacson, Shawn Beus, Amy Shumway, and Rebecca Wayment; City Recorder Holly Gadd; City Parks and Recreation Director Neil Miller; Gym Manager Linda Weeks; Pool Manager Sylvia Clark; Recreation Coordinator Supervisor Brian White; Recreation Coordinator Jeff Sackolwitz; and Arts and Special Events Coordinator Tia Uzelac.

Councilman **Scott Isaacson** offered an invocation. **Mayor Jim Talbot** said it is necessary to raise prices in Parks and Recreation.

Councilwoman **Rebecca Wayment** said the Animal Control Contract with Davis County is a huge increase. She asked if this is the norm going forward, and if the budget is being planned for this to be an ongoing basis. **Mayor Talbot** said it is, as it is a contract. They have been losing money on it every year, and they need to build a new facility. City Manager **Shane Pace** said most facilities have moved away from being a kill facility, and Davis County needs to do the same.

Isaacson said the Zayo Franchise Agreement is a well done agreement, but questioned the indemnity portion. Three clauses don't seem to be consistent with each other. In one clause, the City has to tell them within 10 days of receiving a claim, while another says promptly without identifying the number of days. He would like the City Attorney to review this. He suggested a motion to approve subject to unifying the indemnity clause inconsistencies. **Pace** said that paragraph was discussed during negotiations.

Isaacson said that on the Interlocal Agreement with Weber Basin, he has some changes he will get to **Pace**. He questioned where Exhibit A and B are. He had a hard time identifying where the easement is.

Councilwoman **Amy Shumway** asked what is done with the raccoons that are removed by animal control. **Mayor Talbot** said they are killed.

UPDATE FROM PARKS AND RECREATION ON 2019 PROGRAMS

City Parks and Recreation Director **Neil Miller** introduced the Department. Gym Manager **Linda Weeks** said she was formerly employed as the Utah Recreation and Parks Association (URPA) health and wellness representative for the State. She is passionate about skin safety and the use of sunscreen, including sunscreen dispensing machines. She said daily admission at the Farmington gym has steadily increased over the years. Punch passes are the most popular. Day care has grown tremendously, including 4,000 children. They try to accommodate up to 35 children at a time, open 8:30 a.m. to noon. The children are not fed and their diapers are not changed while they are in the day care facility. Youth volleyball league participation went up tremendously the last few years. Coed volleyball numbers are about the same, after an increase in 2017. Pickleball has grown a lot. One tournament was eliminated because as the sport

continues to grow, other cities are offering tournaments as well. She said Farmington has the only indoor pickleball court in the county.

Pool Manager **Sylvia Clark** said they are looking at increasing admission prices. Swimming lessons went down but are coming back up again. Season passes sold went up in 2018, and down in 2019. Daily usage for the 90-100 days the pool is open is 13,600. Councilman **Brett Anderson** said perhaps the drop in 2019 is because residents feel the pool is overcrowded. **Clark** said she has had complaints about not having enough room for swimming lessons. Daily admission was 15,492 people paid, or 28,000 people that went through the pool in 2019. For pool rentals, they would have had 77 in 2019 if it hadn't have been for some rain out days. For 2020, pool rentals are already booked out with only five slots left. **Miller** said he is thinking of raising pool rental rates from \$400 to \$450, but he will bring that to the City Council in the fall. **Clark** said in recreation, soccer registration was down a bit in 2019 due to staffing changes. They had 38 junior high through high school basketball teams register this year.

Recreation Coordinator Supervisor **Brian White** does a lot of the outdoor sports. He said tackle football numbers have continued to go down, similar to a nationwide trend. Most in Farmington are fifth grade and up. They are working with the high school coach to coordinate the program. They anticipate using the new baseball complex, which will be available in August once the grass is ready for play, **Miller** said. **White** said numbers are up with fall baseball due to affiliation with the Bees. Some softball participants have to play in Kaysville and others in Farmington's South Park. In 2014, Super Sport started as an afterschool program. It has increased in popularity and allows youth to participate in many different sports. For \$25 three hours a day, Tuesday-Thursday, participants get to do three different sports each day. Ski and snowboard participants are bussed to Nordic for lessons, and numbers have stayed about the same. Tennis lessons for youth and adults are available spring, summer and fall. Adaptive programs are for children with special needs including Junior Jazz (43 participants), softball (28 participants, the most ever), and Super Sport. This is one of the only programs like it in the county. People from Brigham City to Provo come to Farmington for this program. Of the 43 adaptive Junior Jazz participants, only 9 are from Farmington, so there is a large percentage from out of the City. The cost is \$26 for residents and \$31 for nonresidents for six weeks of play. **White** would like to keep costs low for these children and their families.

Recreation Coordinator **Jeff Sackolwitz** helps with flag football, which has grown in numbers. They started spring in 2017, and also hold it in the fall. In 2020, there will be a team division. So far in 2020, 10 teams have signed up. They are considering Junior Phoenix reversible jerseys in the future. Camps in the summer at the Community Center are for three hours at a time. They appreciate the new gym for men's and women's basketball, including competition and recreation leagues. Adult coed soccer in the summer has 10-12 teams. The Music in Me program started three years ago. Art Attack art classes have been very popular. Chess Club is a class that started this winter. Track and field used to partner with Kaysville, but is now partnering with the new high school.

Arts and Special Events Coordinator **Tia Uzelac** said arts program numbers were up in 2015, and has come down in 2019. The City offers two youth theaters a year, including a musical and

dinner theater. Lunch with the Mayor is very popular. The Sweethearts Dance and Daddy Daughter Dance are new events. The Easter Egg Hunt, Volunteer Appreciation, Christmas with Santa, Christmas Concert, Letters from Santa, and Festival Days are other events. **Mayor Talbot** said constituents want to see the City Council members there at these events.

Miller, who has worked with the City for 27 years, spoke about parks and cemeteries including: acreage mowed, maintenance for parks and parking lots, number of trees, number of trails maintained, pavilion reservations, fields reserved, 10 different restrooms, burials dug weekly, and Community Arts Center reservations.

REGULAR SESSION

Present: Mayor Jim Talbot; City Manager Shane Pace; City Councilmembers Brett Anderson, Scott Isaacson, Shawn Beus, Amy Shumway, and Rebecca Wayment; City Recorder Holly Gadd; and City Parks and Recreation Director Neil Miller.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor **Jim Talbot** called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call (Opening Comments/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance)

Councilman **Shawn Beus** offered the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Mayor Talbot**.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Talbot said the number of programs provided in Farmington as presented in the work session by the Parks and Recreation Department are incredible. The Youth Council helps with the Easter Egg Hunt, Festival Days, and youth musicals. **Emily Pace** started the Youth City Council years ago. **Deanna Carlisle** also works with **Emily** and is a liaison with the Mayor.

The new Youth City Council Members were introduced and administered the oath of office. The 30 youth on the 2020 Youth City Council include: Erik Baer, Emmaretta Barnett, Brecken Barnson, Corrienne Bice (Mayor), Sadie Bergen, Sterling Freebairn, Livy Hendricks, Jared Jardine, Megan Johnson, Rachel Lee, Katelyn Lemon, Andrew Manwaring, Emma May, Sarah Mceuen, Megan Mille, Avery Nobles, Maggie Paget, Logan Perez, Ethan Peterson, Ian Regis, Lauren Richardson, Zachary Shumway, Judson (JP) Stelter, Thomas Stratford, Taylor Thomas, Walker Tracy, Madeline Wayment, Sophie Wayment, Lauren Weddington, and Catherine “Catie” Wirz. City Recorder **Holly Gadd** administered the oath of office to the youth.

John Anderson, president of the Historic Preservation Commission, presented the new members, including **David Barney** and **Tiffany Ames**. **Ames** lives at 269 W. State Street in the Clark Lane Historic District. Her home was added to the Utah Historic Register, and was built by Annie Clark Tanner as a rental to support her when her husband fled due to the polygamy manifesto. She and her husband renovated it, and added on to the home using an architectural historian. She said she grew up in a Victorian historic home in Bountiful that was hot in the summer and cold in the winter. She grew up with constant renovation her whole life. She loves

the irreplaceable nature of history. She found a mummified cat in the crawl space of her home. **Barney** has lived in the Clark Lane neighborhood for 30 years in a historic home. He has worked to protect and preserve the neighborhood. **Barney** spent months building a website for the Commission, including a map with historic homes noted, pictured, and described. **Mayor Talbot** said he would hate to lose the aging trees in the historic district, as the tree canopy is picturesque. **Anderson** said there are 12 people on the Commission. Councilman **Shawn Beus** is the City Council liaison with the Commission. **Mayor Talbot** said formal ratification or approval from the City Council is not needed, but he wanted to extend his appreciation to the two new members.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Resolution Amending the Parks and Recreation Consolidated Fee Schedule

City Parks and Recreation Director **Neil Miller** said they realized there were programs that the Department was charging for that were not included on the fee schedule, so an update was needed. An example is food trucks and Super Sport. **Miller** said employees in his Department mow 126 acres of grass each week. Just this week about 1,300 children were registered for soccer, and about 700 for baseball. Some 28,000 people came to the City pool in 2019. Football fees were increased to cover the costs of uniforms. Baseball was rescheduled as the City is no longer affiliated with the Pony League. Adult programs such as men's and women's basketball are new programs. Super Sport has been around for four years. The volleyball league is new. Costs for renting the new fields is not included yet. Adult league programs still need to be addressed as well.

Mayor Talbot said the City pool is 21 years old, and has needed many repairs over the years. **Isaacson** asked what percentage of the Parks and Recreation budget is covered by the fees charged vs. the general fund. **Miller** said the employee wages are taken out of the general fund. Everything else like uniforms is covered by the fees. The problem with the pool is the capital maintenance. Aside from that, the pool does well.

Mayor Talbot opened the Public Hearing. Nobody signed up to address the Council on the issue. **Mayor Talbot** closed the Public Hearing. He said even at the increased rates, he feels the rates are still too low compared to neighboring cities. **Isaacson** noted that the date was wrong on the resolution, as it says the 18th day of February.

Motion:

Councilman **Brett Anderson** moved to approve the Resolution amending the Consolidated Fee Schedule to include all Parks and Recreation fees, to reflect new and current programs as set forth in the staff report.

Councilwoman **Rebecca Wayment** seconded the motion, which received a unanimous vote.

SUMMARY ACTION:

Minute Motion Approving Summary Action List

Mayor Talbot mentioned that the three attorneys on the City Council have thoroughly reviewed the items on the Summary Action List, and any corrections were noted in the previous work session. The Council considered the Summary Action List with four items including: Animal Control Contract with Davis County; Interlocal Agreement with Weber Basin for the Wasatch Front Regional Pipeline 950 N. Corridor Preservation and Easement; Zayo Franchise Agreement; and surplus aging extrication equipment and fire hose.

Motion:

Councilwoman **Amy Shumway** moved to approve the Summary Action list items as noted in the staff report.

Beus seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS:

City Manager Report

Pace presented the Monthly Fire Activity Report for January. March 17 is the scheduled tour of Lehi and South Jordan. The City is in the middle of a lot of work as STACK Development recently submitted a project master plan and proposed development agreement. It will require a lot of changes and work considering the agreement on zoning, housing and building heights. It will be a major project in the community. **Mayor Talbot** said it is complicated and would come before the City Council this month.

Mayor Talbot said the Council may not seek to make history, but they will make history with the City's business park. It is on their shoulders to keep the City solvent for the next 50 to 60 years.

Mayor Talbot and City Council Reports

Shumway said coworkers of her husband said they find it confusing when traveling north on what exit to take to go to Station Park. She suggested better signage. She attended the Athena luncheon with the Chamber of Commerce. The woman in charge of Minky Couture was honored, and she tries to keep her employees local rather than overseas. Shmway attended a ribbon cutting for Lakeview Medical at the Utah Cardiology Building. She will forward an email from **Jacob Johnson** to **Pace** to handle.

Isaacson would like uniformity in the business park with a unique feeling and architecture. He also would like signage to help keep the public informed about City events and issues. **Pace** said he and Community Development Director **David Petersen** have been looking at electronic signs at key locations in the community that are low-key to provide information about upcoming City events. **Mayor Talbot** said that would be brought to the City Council in the future.

The Newsletter Committee meets on Thursday, and **Mayor Talbot** said it may be worth writing something about the dog leash laws, as many dogs are on public trails.

Wayment said a bill is proposed to give more rights to the property rights ombudsman office. She is keeping an eye on that, and would like some training on what the City Council is allowed

to do under the law, vs. what they want to do, so that they don't find themselves on the wrong side of the law. This is a big issue as the development of the business park proceeds. **Pace** said the bill is aimed at those elected officials and staff members who would use their position to stop or delay a development that is allowed under law.

Beus said the Historic Preservation Commission would like to do an open house historic walking tour in May. They also want to extend the museum hours to one Saturday a month. A constituent asked some Airbnb questions, and he will refer those to **Petersen**.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

Beus made a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Shumway** seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Holly Gadd, Recorder